

**STATE OF ARKANSAS**  
**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT**  
**PROCLAMATION**

EO 96-06

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME — GREETINGS:

AN EXECUTIVE ORDER MANDATING APPLICATION OF COST-BENEFIT ANALYSIS TO ALL NEW PROGRAMS.

WHEREAS, all new programs requiring the expenditure of State funds should be strictly monitored to prevent unnecessary spending; and

WHEREAS, the application of cost-benefit analysis to all such new programs will help to assure Arkansas taxpayers that their tax dollars are spent wisely;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mike Huckabee, acting under the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Arkansas, do hereby order:

1. That all programs requiring the expenditure of State funds, and any new spending proposals, shall be subject to a cost-benefit analysis by the Department of Finance and Administration prior to their presentation to the Governor for his approval.
2. The goals of such cost-benefit analysis will be to assure Arkansas taxpayers that:
  - a. Taxpayers are provided a state service as efficiently as possible; and,
  - b. That the funds are a higher priority for the proposed service compared to other state uses for the expense and or capital investment; and,
  - c. That no private sector alternative is available that can meet the public need.

This Order shall become effective on July 16, 1996.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed at the Capitol in Little Rock on this 16th day of July in the year of our Lord, nineteen hundred ninety-six.



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GOVERNOR MIKE HUCKABEE

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SECRETARY OF STATE SHARON PRIEST